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**From:** Palmer, John  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** Palmer, John  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback on Draft Columbia River Cold Water Refuge Plan

Hi All,

Thank you for those that provided feedback on the draft Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Plan. We appreciate your input.

We received the following comment letters/emails: NMFS, Forest Service, ODFW, WDFW, WDNR, BPA, Fish Passage Center, CRITFC, Yakama Nation, CTUIR, NWEA, Columbia Riverkeepers, Deschutes River Alliance, Conservation Angler, Bluefish, CREST, Brian Maschhoff, Bill Sharp (Yakama). Here is a link to review the comments received: <ftp://newftp.epa.gov/Region10/columbiariver/CWR/Draft CWR Report Comments/>

Also, below is an article in the CBBULLETIN highlighting some of the comments received. We do not have an exact timeline for finalizing the Plan, but hope to do so in the first half of 2020.

Thanks,  
John Palmer

[HTTPS://WWW.CBBULLETIN.COM/COMMENTS-ON-EPAS-DRAFT-COLD-WATER-REFUGE-PLAN-FOR-COLUMBIA-RIVER-INSUFFICIENT-FOR-FUTURE-WARMING-LACKS-URGENCY/](https://www.cbbulletin.com/comments-on-epas-draft-cold-water-refuge-plan-for-columbia-river-insufficient-for-future-warming-lacks-urgency/)

# COMMENTS ON EPA'S DRAFT COLD WATER REFUGE PLAN FOR COLUMBIA RIVER; INSUFFICIENT FOR FUTURE WARMING, LACKS URGENCY

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For background, see:

CBB, October 24, 2019, "EPA Releases Draft Columbia River Cold Water Refuge Plan; 12 Tributaries Tagged For Protection; Scientists' Letter Says Lower Snake Dam Breaching Needed To Reduce Temps For Fish," <https://www.cbbulletin.com/epa-releases-draft-columbia-river-cold-water-refuge-plan-for-review-12-prime-tributaries-tagged-for-protection/>

CBB, August 14, 2019, "States Take Steps To Protect ESA-Listed Snake River Steelhead; Deschutes Fishing Closure (Cold Water Refuge), Rolling Closures Up The Columbia," <https://www.cbbulletin.com/states-take-step-to-protect-esa-listed-snake-river-steelhead-deschutes-fishing-closure-cold-water-refuge-rolling-closures-up-the-columbia/>

CBB, November 6, 2015, "BiOp On Oregon Water Temperature Standards Calls For State, Agencies To Protect Cold Water Zones," <https://www.cbbulletin.com/biop-on-oregon-water-temperature-standards-calls-for-state-agencies-to-protect-cold-water-zones/>

CBB, March 2, 2012, "Court Orders New Biological Opinion, Jeopardy Analysis On Oregon's Water Temperature Standards" <http://www.cbbulletin.com/417386.aspx>

CBB, April 12, 2013, "Judge Signs Agreement Requiring EPA To Get Tougher On Oregon's Water Temperature Standards For Fish" <http://www.cbbulletin.com/426041.aspx>

More news from CBB:

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**From:** Palmer, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** Palmer, John <Palmer.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Columbia River Cold Water Refuge Plan

Hi All,

A reminder email regarding providing feedback on EPA's draft Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Plan. We will accept feedback through [Friday, December 6, 2019](#). We had originally said December 3<sup>rd</sup>, but we are extending to the end of that week.

Thank you,  
John Palmer

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**From:** Palmer, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 10:26 AM  
**Subject:** Draft Columbia River Cold Water Refuge Plan

Dear Contributors and Interested Parties,

EPA has completed a final draft of the Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Plan and is seeking feedback prior to finalizing the plan. We greatly appreciate all of you that have contributed to the development of the draft plan over the last 3 years. We are providing the opportunity for feedback until December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. After reviewing the feedback and making appropriate changes, we expect to finalize the plan in early 2020.

Please send your feedback to John Palmer ([palmer.john@epa.gov](mailto:palmer.john@epa.gov)), or by mail to: John Palmer, EPA Region 10, 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 155 (19-C09), Seattle, WA 98101.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email or at 206-553-6521.

Sincerely,  
John Palmer

**Access the Draft Columbia River CWR Plan by clicking on the link below and entering in the Username and Password below.**

<https://www.epa.gov/columbiariver/columbia-river-cold-water-refuges-plan>

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